

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Abby Major is the daughter of former City Councilor and Winchester businessman Art Major and his wife, Maggie; and

WHEREAS, Abby has been cooking since she was two years old and earned the opportunity to showcase her cooking skills and vibrant personality as the youngest to ever compete on the MasterChef Junior television show; and

WHEREAS, while competing for the MasterChef Junior title, Abby was eight years old and a third grader at Powhatan School in Clarke County; and

WHEREAS, judge and restaurateur Joe Bastianich told her in the first episode: “you might be the youngest here, Abby, but you’ve got big, big potential”; and

WHEREAS, during the competition, Abby’s creative cooking caused one competitor to comment “Really Abby? Really?!” when she dared to decorate a pie she baked with jelly beans; and

WHEREAS, later in the competition, a twelve-year-old contestant proclaimed Abby as a serious competitor when she wowed the judges with a complete meal prepared with just two ingredients; and

WHEREAS, Abby has to be one of only a few people who have had the courage to tell judge and celebrity chef Gordon Ramsey, “Um, can you move? I’m trying to concentrate”; and

WHEREAS, Abby was the captain of the winning team in the show’s first ever “Pop-Up Restaurant Challenge” cooking for about 40 luminaries of the culinary world; and

WHEREAS, Abby finished in the top four from an initial field of 18,000 applicants; and

WHEREAS, Abby loves animals, is a great student and an avid reader; and

WHEREAS, Abby’s goal is to become a chef AND a veterinarian and stated on the show that she hopes to one day own a business that serves as both a restaurant and a veterinarian’s office; and

WHEREAS, the Winchester community wishes to congratulate Abby Major for her success during the second season of competition on MasterChef Junior.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Elizabeth A. Minor, as Mayor of the City of Winchester, hereby proclaim ABBY MAJOR as Winchester’s own Master Chef.

BE IT, HEREBY, FURTHER RESOLVED that I, as Mayor, proudly present a copy of this proclamation to Abby Major.

Witness my hand,

Mayor Elizabeth A. Minor